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Mr. Vernon A. Williams Secretary Surface Transportation Board 1925 K Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20423-0001



Re: Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 396X); The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) Abandonment in Ottawa, Kansas

Dear Secretary Williams:

We have been advised that the City of Ottawa, Kansas will be filing an application regarding rail banking of a portion of the above-referenced line. BNSF supports this filing and does not object to the issuance of a Notice of Interim Trails Use in the referenced docket.

Sincerely,

Sarah Whitley Bailiff

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